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In re the Application of

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For: SANDWICH STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF REPAIRING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 and 11 as follows:

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 2, change "any one of claims 6 to 10" to --claim 6--.

REMARKS

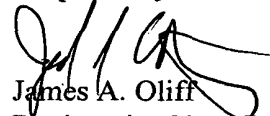
Claims 1-11 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 5 and 11 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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